



Thursday, June 9, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
The Honorable Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner  
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT Docket No. 11-65. In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations.

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

On behalf of my constituents in District 93, and as Minority Leader-Designate of the Florida House of Representatives, I am writing to offer my support for the AT&T T-Mobile USA merger currently under review in the Federal Communications Commission's WT11-65 docket. As a state legislator, I am constantly looking for ways to increase the breadth and depth of conversations occurring between myself, my office and my constituents. As a party leader, I look for similar avenues to encourage intra- and inter-party dialogue to work for the betterment of the residents across our state.

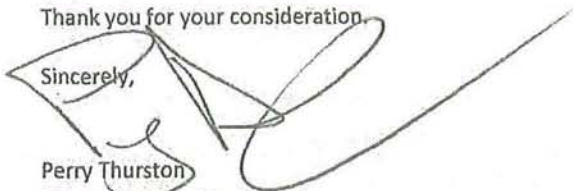
On a macro level, combining AT&T's and T-Mobile's networks will help realize efficiencies and scale that take us within 3 percentage points of President Barack Obama's goal to connect every part of America to the digital age. The merger promises to bring people access to fast, affordable broadband coverage, connecting millions more creative, innovative Americans to the internet age. This is a major component of putting America back on pace with its global competitors.

And here in Florida, this merger will help increase communication and opportunity in rural, suburban and urban areas of our state. In metropolitan centers, residents can expect increased speeds and more reliable service in congested areas. And in our state's rural corridors, residents who have been excluded from the remarkable benefits of high speed broadband access will be better connected to their families, their friends, their government, and to a bevy of information and services.

Wireless broadband has changed the way we live, work, and connect within our circles of influence. Please approve this merger and help us move one step closer to the President's goal of universal broadband coverage, and everyone's goal of greater inclusion and participation in the American civic landscape.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Perry Thurston  
Minority Leader Designate  
State Representative